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## Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. ▼ This communication is responsive to papers filed through 4/29/1999 ∑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 GC. ☐ The drawings filed on \_ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). ☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been ☐ received. received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). \*Certified copies not received: Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). □ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED. X Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal. 🛛 including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 2 . 💢 including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Apr 29, 1999 , which has been approved by the examiner. including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment. Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal lettter addressed to the Official Draftsperson. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included. Attachment(s) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152 ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413 ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

X Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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## Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 1-7 are pending.
- 2. Claims 1-7 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art does not teach in combination a positioning device for a miniature fan, comprising: a coil seat including a plurality of annularly spaced poles, each pole having a radially extending stem and terminating with a circumferential arcuate section, each stem having a winding wound therearound, each arcuate section having a first end edge and a second end edge; a circuit board securely connected to the coil seat; and, a sensor element mounted on the circuit board, the sensor element being located on a vertical line extending from one of the first end edge and the second end edge of one of the poles so that the sensor element is aligned with the one of the first end edge and the second end edge.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Jeske 5,831,359, Brady 5,510,726, Horng 5,245,236.

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### **Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Ehud Gartenberg at telephone number (703) 308-2634. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy S. Thorpe can be reached on (703) 308-0102.

Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist at telephone number (703) 305-0861.

**Ehud Gartenberg** 

Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3746

May 18, 1999

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